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Dear Mr. Yukumoto:

This is in response to your letter to us dated July 13, 1976, pertaining to the Small Business Loan Program. You had asked for clarification as to whether EPA's (or the State's, if appropriate) role in the Program involves actual loan processing in addition to issuing statements of necessity and adequacy for pollution control facilities.

Section 8 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Act) directed the EPA to establish and implement a program of statement issuance to loan applicants certifying that the proposed additions or alterations are necessary and adequate under the requirements established by the Act. The review of an application by EPA, or a State Agency, is a technical review. Review of the applicant's eligibility as a small business and for the amount of financial assistance requested is to be conducted by the Small Business Administration.

Should further questions arise concerning this Program, please feel free to contact Mr. Raymond Seid of our Permits Branch at 415-556-3450.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY: STANLEY LEIBOWITZ

Stanley Leibowitz Chief, General Services Section Permits Branch Enforcement Division